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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on March 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:26 p.m.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock (arrived at 3:35 p.m.), Shine Burnette, Valerie Dehombreux, Laurel Endfield, Velma Kaytoggy, Dawnafe Whitesinger, and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: Ranelda Hastings

Other Attendees: Rochelle Lacapa, Maureen Theobald and Peggy Wojtal

Discussion and Possible Approval of the February 2011 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked the members to review the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council regular meeting held on February 1, 2011, as well as the minutes of the special meeting held on February 4, 2011.

Member Dehombreux moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 1, 2011, as presented. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Vice Chair Whitesinger moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council accept the minutes of the special meeting held on February 4, 2011, as presented. Member Wynn seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

None.

Member Brock arrived.

Discussion of State Fiscal Year 2012 Coordination Strategy

Coordinator Lacapa presented the Service Coordination Strategy and asked the members for recommendations of agencies or programs in the community that could take on this responsibility. After discussion, the members made suggestions, such as: Head Start, FACE Program, Child Find, or Northland Pioneer College. The members also recommended reviewing the regular attendees at the monthly Inter-Agency meetings. Coordinator Lacapa will report back her results at the April meeting.

Discussion of Upcoming Community Events

- a. **FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Conference:** This will be held on March 24, 2011 at the Whiteriver Unified School District High School. It is open to all child care providers and parents, free of charge.
- b. **Family Fun Day:** This will be held in April at the Whiteriver Unified School District Football Field; bounce houses will be provided and there will be booths for providers. Coordinator Lacapa is searching for possible food vendors for this year's event; members recommended Community Health Nutrition, the Boys and Girls Club, or the Veterans' organization. Coordinator Lacapa further informed the members there will be "goodie bags" handed out to attendees, which will include onesies, magnets, crayons and books. Letters to potential program participants and flyers are expected to go out next week.

c. **Cibecue Child Fest:** This is expected to be held in June. Coordinator Lacapa shared there will be enough funds to provide bounce houses and goodie bags for this event as well.

d. **Other Events:** Coordinator Lacapa is providing goodie bags for the completers of the Apache Families First program on March 2, 2011. Additional areas of opportunity include the 7-Mile Preschoolers (April 8, 2011), the FACE Program parent group (April), the transition program for Head Start children going to the Cibecue Campus, the Kindergarten registration event at Whiteriver Unified School District and Library Night, held every Thursday.

Coordinator's Report

a. **State Fiscal Year 2012 Renewal Timeline:** Coordinator Lacapa informed the members the renewal packets will be sent out today with a requested return date of March 23, 2011. First Things First Finance staff and Coordinator Lacapa will review the responses, once returned, and present them for review to the members during the April meeting. The next step will be for the Board's review during the June meeting so that programs can begin on July 1, 2011.

b. **Oral Health Strategy:** Coordinator Lacapa toured the community with members of the Navajo County Public Health District in February, at which time numerous locations were scheduled for screenings.

c. **Community Resource Guide:** Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that the database is created and is now under review, with a plan to go to print on March 11, 2011. Coordinator Lacapa discussed what the guide will contain and its format. The initial printing of 7000 copies is expected to cost between \$7-10,000, which will allow for a second printing after the initial copies are distributed.

d. **Potential New Regional Partnership Council Member:** The application for Ms. Maura Riesop for the At Large seat has been submitted to the First Things First Board for review at the March meeting.

Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Consultant Cheri Lavender has just informed First Things First that she has accepted another job. The next steps for this role and the work involved will be discussed during the April meeting.

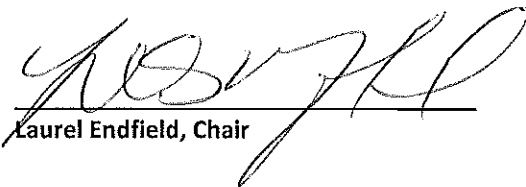
Items for the Good of the Order

Coordinator Lacapa distributed the 2010 Needs and Assets Report for this region, along with the child care study prepared by St. Luke's Health Initiatives.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held on April 5, 2011 at ABC Day Care in Whiteriver, Arizona 85941. Having no further business, Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Approved:


Laurel Endfield, Chair
Rochelle Lacapa, Regional Coordinator